

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4858  
INFO AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

S E C R E T JIDDA 3844

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, SA  
SUBJ: MINISTER OF INTERIOR PRINCE FAHD'S REPLY TO  
SECRETARY'S LETTER

REF: A. STATE 167505; B. JIDDA 3644

1. PERSONAL ASSISTANT TO MINISTER OF INTERIOR PRINCE  
FAHD DELIVERED TO EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 6 PRINCE'S LETTER OF  
REPLY (DATED SEPT 5) TO SECRETARY ROGERS' LETTER (REF A).  
EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS: QUOTE.

IN THE NAME OF GOD THE MERCIFUL, THE COMPASSIONATE HIS  
EXCELLENCY MR. WILLIAM P. ORGERS.

AFTER WARM GREETINGS:

I RECEIVED YOUR EXCELLENCY'S LETTER DATED AUGUST 23, 1973  
CONCERNING YOUR VIEWS ON COOPERATION BETWEEN THE KINGDOM  
OF SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE  
SUBJECT OF INCREASING THE PRODUCTION OF ENERGY WHICH THE  
WORLD WILL REQUIRE IN AN INCREASING FASHION YEAR AFTER  
YEAR.

IN THANKING YOUR EXCELLENCY FOR THE CLARIFICATIONS YOU  
HAVE PROVIDED, I INFORM YOU THAT IT IS NOT THE INTENTION  
OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA TO STOP THE PUMPING OF

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PETROLEUM AND TO CHECK PROVISION OF THIS ENERGY TO THE  
CONSUMING NATIONS WHICH NEED IT TO ASSURE THE EVOLUTION  
OF THEIR INDUSTRY AND CIVILIZATION. THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI

ARABIA MOREOVER IS STUDYING THIS SUBJECT DEEPLY AND WELCOMES THE CONTINUATION OF COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THAT THIS CONCERNS THE INTEREST OF THE TWO FRIENDLY NATIONS.

YOUR EXCELLENCY NEED NOT FEAR THAT INSTABILITY IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST MAY HINDER TO (ANY) GREAT EXTENT THE INCREASE OF THIS COOPERATION AND ITS EVOLUTION. I DO NOT CONSIDER HOWEVER THAT THE REALIZATION OF STABILITY IN THIS SENSITIVE PART OF THE WORLD IS DIFFICULT FOR THE UNITED STATES, WHICH HAS BEEN ABLE TO SOLVE MORE DIFFICULT AND COMPLEX PROBLEMS.

I THEREFORE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE FRUITFUL, CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL INCREASE--THIS BEING IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TWO FRIENDLY NATIONS. AND I HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL REGARD THE CASE OF THE ARAB NATIONS FROM A JUST POINT OF VIEW.

WISHING YOUR EXCELLENCY HEALTH AND HAPPINESS,

(SIGNED) FAHB BIN ABDUL AZIZ  
SECOND DEPUTY TO THE PRIME MINISTER  
AND CHAIRMAN OF THE HIGHER PETROLEUM  
COUNCIL  
UNQUOTE

2. MALHAS TRANSLATED PRINCE'S LETTER FOR AMBASSADOR, WHO ASKED HIM TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO HRH FOR SUCH A RAPID REPLY. AMBASSADOR STATED LETTER WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO WASHINGTON PROMPTLY.

3. ORIGINAL OF LETTER BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT ATTN:  
NEA/ARP

4. COMMENT: LETTER DOES NOT MODIFY EMBASSY'S CURRENT READING OF SAG OIL POLICY; IN COURTEOUS WAY IT CONFORMS  
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